payments and recoveries, as the case may be, would be made to/from the urea manufacturing units on account of implementation of policy parameters for the VII and VIII pricing periods.

Pricing fixation of fertilizers

†2796. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seventh and eighth price fixation policy for fertilizers in the country is being considered;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified the grounds on which prices of fertilizers are to be fixed; and

(c) what are the details of those grounds and by when the said policy is likely to be announced by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Formulation of policy parameters/norms for the 7th and 8th pricing periods under the Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme is under consideration of the Government. Various parameters/norms governing the determination of retention price of urea manufacturing units for the 7th and 8th pricing periods are being reviewed. These include consumption norms, capacity utilisation level, etc. The policy will be announced as soon as it is approved by the competent authority.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.